

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 11-38 are pending herein. Claims 1-8 and 11-31 have been amended to correct matters of form and for clarification purposes, and claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled. Independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 18 have been amended to recite a particle diameter of the claimed light transparent particles that are part of the coating composition of the anti-dazzling layer. Applicants respectfully submit that support for this feature can be found on page 18, lines 21-22 of the original specification. The independent claims have also been amended to clarify that the coating composition of the anti-dazzling layer includes means for simultaneously providing a planar appearance, homogeneity and scratch resistance comprising the claimed leveling agent. Applicants respectfully submit that support for this feature can be found on page 10, lines 25-28. New claims 32 and 33 have been added hereby as supported by page 11, lines 23-28 of the original specification; new claim 34 has been added hereby as supported by page 34, lines 12-15 of the original specification; and new claims 35-38 have been added hereby as supported by page 21, lines 27-28 of the original specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

1. The §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 4, 8, 16 and 23 is noted, but deemed moot in view of the rewritten claims submitted above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.
2. Claims 1-31 were rejected under §103(a) over Aoyama in view of Nakamura and Feiring. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot with respect to claims 9 and 10 in view of the cancellation thereof. To the extent that the PTO might attempt to assert this rejection against the new and rewritten claims submitted above, it is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 18 each recite, among other things, that the coating composition of the anti-dazzling layer includes light transparent fine particles having a diameter of at least 0.5 μm and not more than 10 μm . The coating composition also includes means for simultaneously providing a planar appearance, homogeneity and scratch resistance comprising a leveling agent comprising a copolymer comprising (meth)acrylic acid repeating units containing at least one perfluoroalkyl group having 8 or more carbon atoms and (meth)acrylic acid repeating units having at least one bornane ring.

The specifically claimed composition of the leveling agent includes a specific perfluoroalkyl group copolymer and includes the (meth)acrylate structure having a structure including at least one bornane ring. The leveling agent, in combination with the other coating composition components, provides a coating composition that exhibits excellent coating suitability by simultaneously providing a planar appearance, homogeneity and scratch resistance to the anti-dazzling layer formed thereby.

Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would readily appreciate that Aoyama is not directed to an anti-dazzling layer, and in fact, Aoyama teaches away from using non-glare layers in conjunction with display devices, particularly high definition devices (see Aoyama, Col. 1, lines 54-62). Moreover, the thickness of the coating according to Aoyama is 0.03 μm to 0.5 μm , which is well outside the thickness range of the anti-dazzling layer according to the present invention, which is 1 μm to 10 μm , as recited in claims 35-38.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Aoyama simply does not disclose or suggest the claimed means for simultaneously providing a planar appearance, homogeneity and scratch resistance comprising the claimed leveling agent. Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art would also understand that Aoyama does not disclose any bornane-based ring structures because the bornane disclosed therein is 1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2,2,1]heptane.

Nakamura discloses an anti-glare layer forming component having a higher refractive index, preferably in the range of 1.57 to 2.00 (see paragraph [0065]), and in order to provide the high refractive index, it is preferred to incorporate a halogen atom (except fluorine) into the monomer structure (see Nakamura, paragraph [0071]). Nakamura discloses an acrylic acid as a component of an anti-glare hardcoat at paragraphs [0072] to [0074], but does not disclose or suggest the claimed leveling agent or any specific copolymer comprising “perfluoroalkyl group” and “bornane ring” as a leveling agent.

Feiring relates to a photoresist composition for producing semiconductor devices, but does not disclose an anti-glare film or an image display device. In fact, Applicants respectfully submit that Feiring is not even relevant with respect to the present invention or the other applied references.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that one skilled in the art could not possibly have arrived at the present invention in view of the applied references, because even in combination, the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature recited in the pending independent claims.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 5, 11 and 18, and all claims depending directly or indirectly therefrom, define patentable subject matter over the applied references, and respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the PTO acknowledge receipt and consideration of the references submitted with the IDS filed March 23, 2009.

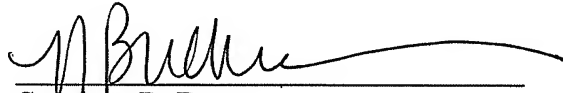
If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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